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**NOTICE OF RECEIPT
PETITION TO AMEND
THE ENERGY COMMISSION CERTIFICATION for the
PALOMAR ENERGY CENTER PROJECT (01-AFC-24C)**

On July 27, 2007, San Diego Gas and Electric (SDG&E) filed a petition with the California Energy Commission requesting to modify the Palomar Energy Center Project. The 546-megawatt (mw) project was certified by the Energy Commission on August 6, 2003 and began commercial operation on April 1, 2006. The facility is located in the city of Escondido, in San Diego County.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATION

The proposed modifications will allow SDG&E to install and operate a centralized chiller to cool inlet air to the two combustion turbines at the Palomar Energy Center. The facility currently uses an evaporative cooling system to reduce the temperature of inlet air. The modification will provide up to approximately 40 MW of additional capacity to serve summer peak load needs. This project change will not significantly change air emissions, and no increase in concentration, hourly, or annual emission limits is requested. Installation of the equipment was approved by the San Diego Air Pollution Control District in November 2006.

ENERGY COMMISSION REVIEW PROCEDURES

The purpose of the Energy Commission's review process is to assess the impacts of this proposal on environmental quality, public health and safety. The review process includes an evaluation of the consistency of the proposed changes with the Energy Commission's Decision and if the project, as modified, will remain in compliance with applicable laws, ordinances, regulations, and standards (Title 20, Calif. Code of Regulations, section 1769). Energy Commission staff is currently analyzing the request and will publish an analysis in the next several weeks. A public workshop will be held in Escondido to discuss the staff's analysis and receive comments. A public hearing for the purpose of approving or denying the amendment proposal will subsequently be held at a regularly scheduled Energy Commission business meeting.

This Notice of Receipt is being mailed to interested parties and property owners adjacent to the project site who may want to participate in the amendment process.

The petition is available on the Energy Commission's website at <http://www.energy.ca.gov/sitingcases/palomar/compliance/index.html>. The staff analysis (when published), will also be posted on the website. If you would like to receive a hard copy of the petition and/or staff's analysis, please complete the enclosed Information Request Form and return it to the address shown.

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If you have any comments or questions, please contact Paula David, Compliance Project Manager, at (916) 654-4228, or by fax to (916) 654-3882, or via e-mail at: pdavid@energy.state.ca.us within 14 days of the date of this notice.

For further information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Energy Commission Public Adviser's Office, at (916) 654-4489, or toll free in California at (800) 822-6228, or by e-mail at pao@energy.state.ca.us. If you require special accommodations, please contact Lourdes Quiroz at (916) 654-5146. News media inquiries should be directed to Assistant Director, Claudia Chandler, at (916) 654-4989, or by e-mail at mediaoffice@energy.state.ca.us.

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INFORMATION REQUEST FORM

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COMMISSION DECISION FOR THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF AN INLET AIR CHILLER.

PLEASE CIRCLE THE DOCUMENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE:

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☐ STAFF ANALYSIS

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